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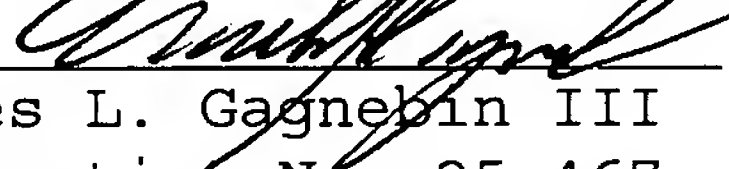
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BIOMARKERS
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LETTER REGARDING NUMBER OF INDEPENDENT AND TOTAL CLAIMS
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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements
Under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated November 8, 2005 (copy enclosed),

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please note that Applicant disagrees with the number of independent and total claims calculated by the Patent Office in the above-identified patent application.

The Notification of Missing Requirements indicates that there are 2 independent claims over 3, or a total of 5 independent claims. Applicant submits that there are, in fact, only 3 independent claims.

The Notice also indicates that there are 17 total claims over 20, or a total of 37 total claims. Applicant submits that there are, in fact, only 16 additional total claims over 20, or a total of 36 total claims. There are no multiple dependent claims.

In support of this Letter, the following pages show the amended claims as filed (in clean form) as presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application on April 25, 2005. Independent claims 1, 13 and 20 are clearly marked in **bold print**; cancelled claim 14 is double-underscored; and dependent claims 2-12, 15-19 and 21-37 are clearly marked by enclosing in boxes the claim number(s) upon which they are dependent.